

Smart Grid Forum and SmartGrid GB

Ways of Working

This document is a product of discussions between the Smart Grid Forum (SGF) and Smart Grid GB (SGGB). It outlines how these two groups will work together in order to help Britain realise its energy future.

Smart Grid Forum

The DECC/Ofgem Smart Grid Forum aims to bring together key opinion formers, experts and stakeholders in the development of GB smart grids to provide strategic input to help shape Ofgem's and DECC's thinking and leadership in this area. It will also help provide the network companies with a common focus in addressing future networks challenges and provide drive and direction for the development of smart grids.

SmartGrid GB

SGGB has been established by industry to provide an open, independent and inclusive body for a wide range of concerned organisations to come together, share ideas and information and develop thinking on how to deliver Britain's smart grid future. The role of SGGB is to provide a broad-based network of organisations, independent of government, that helps shape smart grid policy and make it a reality. DECC and Ofgem recognise the valuable role that SGGB can bring in providing a wider industry stakeholder perspective to the development of smart grid in Britain and will participate in SGGB in an observer capacity.

Working together

Both the SGF and SGGB see their initiatives as complementary and are committed to ensuring that their efforts and actions are additive and not duplicative. In particular, SGGB will: enable effective engagement with wider industry; act as a critical friend that provides independent, collective industry views and advice; provide additional expertise and resources to address key issues when necessary; and provide an active link to international organisations and expertise.

To ensure effective collaboration going forward, SGF and SGGB have developed the following principles to help guide their future engagement:

- SGGB will support the SGF's work by providing an effective mechanism for engagement with the growing number of industry and other stakeholders concerned with the development of smart grid
- SGGB will be represented, where appropriate, on SGF work streams to ensure good coordination between the two bodies
- SGGB will seek to engage with and provide its broad based industry perspective to the various SGF works streams on an ongoing basis
- As and when the need and/or opportunity arises, SGF might invite SGGB to carry out specific projects

- SGGB will remain completely independent of the SGF in order to act effectively as a 'critical friend' to government, the regulator and the SGF itself
- Through its 'Smart Hub' activities, SGGB will support and promote the work of the SGF to its membership community. SGGB will also promote related DECC/Ofgem initiatives - for example the LCNF - to its membership, as well as to the wider international community through its membership of the Global Smart Grid Federation. This will help raise the profile of Britain as a leading international destination for innovation and investment in smart grid.